

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

The public has enjoyed the right to record broadcasts for many years now if not decades. An act as simple as recording a football game while one is away could now become a jailable offense. Intent of a rule has no place in a discussion. The law (which is of such great magnitude may be mostly unenforceable) is what the executive branch will use against Americans as an excuse to jail someone as punitive punishment for something as small as a difference of opinion with the government.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? It appears to me that much of the content that I enjoy via the internet would be choked off immediately. No free speech, in other words. Once again, intent has no place, only the wording of the law.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

As a licensed ham radio operator and hobbyist, it seems that personal experimentation in other digital venues would be curtailed. As the FCC is well aware, amateur radio, has been the fathering ground of many electronic ideas that today are akin to the fabric of our society. Cell phones for example. The loss of the ability to experiment stagnates progress right where it is. Are the best minds in the entertainment industry?